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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF MACHINE GUN BARRELS

REF: STATE 47481

1. EMBASSY SENT LETTER TO FN ASKING FOR DESTINATION AND
END-USER INFORMATION AS REQUESTED REFTEL. REPLY DATED
5 MARCH FROM FN CONFIRMS THAT FN HAS ORDERED FROM SHERWOOD
INTERNATIONAL EXPORT CORPORATION "A CERTAIN NUMBER OF .50
BARRELS INTENDED TO BE INCORPORATED IN BROWNING MACHINE GUNS
WHICH WE ARE RECONDITIONING IN OUR FACTORIES." FN'S REPLY
GOES ON AS FOLLOWS (EMBASSY TRANSLATION): "WE REGRET
NEVERTHELESS THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE YOU THE COUNTRY TO
WHICH THESE MACHINE GUNS WILL BE SUPPLIED. SUCH SUPPLIES
ARE THE SUBJECT OF CONTRACTS OF A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL
NATURE AND CONSEQUENTLY WE CANNOT DIVULGE THE DESTINATION.
THESE SUPPLIES ARE NONETHELESS COVERED BY EXPORT LICENSES
WHICH HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, BASED ON AN END-USER CERTIFICATE COMING FROM
OUR CUSTOMERS."

2. WE HAVE NOT THUS FAR COMMUNICATED WITH FONOFF ON
THIS SUBJECT. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU WISH TO PROCEED. FIRESTONE

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